

## REMARKS

The preliminary amendment relates to the present application, which is a division of application Serial No. 08/265,941, filed June 27, 1994, now U.S. Patent No. 5,754,940; which is a continuation of application Serial No. 07/960,231, filed October 13, 1992, now U.S. Patent No. 5,355,480; which is a continuation of application Serial No. 07/342,987, filed April 20, 1989, now abandoned; which is a continuation of application Serial No. 07/289,218, filed December 23, 1988, now U.S. Patent No. 4,987,486. Claims 19-26 are pending in the present application prior to entry of the foregoing amendment.

By the present amendment, claims 19-26 have been cancelled, and new claims 27-32 have been submitted for entry. Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 27-32 will be pending, with claims 27 and 31 being independent. Additionally, the specification has been amended to include the "Cross Reference to Related Applications" section. Applicants believe, therefore, that the amendments to the specification do not add new matter.

CONCLUSION

The foregoing is submitted as a full and complete preliminary amendment. Claims 27-32 will be pending in the present application upon entry of the present amendment, with claims 27 and 31 being independent. Based on the amendment set forth herein, Applicants respectfully submit that the subject patent application is in condition for allowance. Because the claims may include additional elements that are not taught or suggested by the cited art, the preceding arguments in favor of patentability are advanced without prejudice to other bases of patentability.

Upon entry of the foregoing Response, the above-identified patent application includes 6 total claims, 2 of which are independent. Applicants submit that a fee for 20 total claims and 3 independent claims is due. Should it be determined that any additional fee is due or any excess fee has been received, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to deposit account #19-0761.

Should the Examiner have any comments or suggestions that would place the subject patent application in better condition for allowance, he is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned agent at the below-listed number.

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